## 2.5   EXISTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

### 2.5.1 Local and Regional Transit Systems

ADOT has developed a study to provide regionally-based solutions to rural transportation in Arizona including long-term strategic direction to address increasing ridership trends and demand for rural transit. According to the ADOT *Arizona Rural Transit Needs Study,* only 18% of ridership needs are being met in rural Arizona leaving the majority of ridership needs unmet particularly on tribal lands. ADOT has developed a strategy for implementing improved rural transit service to meet growing demand in non-urbanized areas by identifying areas with the most need for transit expansion (e.g., City of Sedona, Hopi-Senom Transit).

Rural transit in Northern Arizona is widely dispersed because Arizona, particularly in the north, has a high percentage of federal and Native American land holdings with land use restrictions. Other problems facing the development of rural transportation in Northern Arizona include funding, logistics/coordination, political support, and information. The majority of fixed route transit services are available from larger cities such as Flagstaff, Prescott, and Sedona, these services provide connections to other large cities or regional nodes of activity. The most common type of transit in the region is demand-response and/or paratransit.

The Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) is a regional transportation organization which includes:  Coconino and Yavapai Counties; the cities of Flagstaff, Sedona, and Cottonwood; and Northern Arizona University. Mountain Line is the transportation fixed route service in Flagstaff. Mountain Lift is the paratransit service in Flagstaff. RoadRunner is the fixed route and paratransit service in Sedona.  The RoadRunner Cottonwood Express is a commuter bus service which runs between Cottonwood and Sedona.  NAIPTA also manages the Mountain Links Transit fixed route service and the Cottonwood Area Transit System (CATS) checkpoint deviation and demand response service. Table 2.9 shows local and regional transit services.

### 2.5.2 Special Needs Transportation Services

The City of Page Senior Transportation System works in conjuction with the City of Page Senior Center, NACOG and ADOT.  Seniors aged 50 and older are eligible for use of the program.  Transportation is available within the City limits at a cost of $1 to $2 Monday through Friday.  Out-of-town trips are available once a month at a cost of $15.

Table 2.9 Local & Regional General and Special Needs Transit Services

| Name ofTransit Service | Type | Area of Service |
|---|---|---|
| Mountain Line | Fixed Route | Flagstaff |
| Mountain Lift | Paratransit | Flagstaff (and surrounding area) |
| Mountain Line | Fixed Route | Flagstaff (serving Northern Arizona University and surrounding Flagstaff) |
| Sedona RoadRunner | Fixed Route Paratransit | Sedona (and surrounding area) |
| RoadRunner/Cottonwood Express | Commuter Bus | Coconino and Yavapai Counties |

| Name ofTransit Service | Type | Area of Service |
|---|---|---|
| Cottonwood Area Transit (CATS) | Fixed Route Demand-Response Paratransit | Yavapai County |
| Navajo Transit | Fixed Route Paratransit | Navajo Nation (and region) |
| Hopi-Senom Transit | Fixed Route Paratransit | Hopi Community |
| City of Page Senior Transportation System | Paratransit/Senior | Page (and surrounding) |

## 2.5.3 Intercity Bus and Rail Transportation

Several intercity transit opportunities are available within the Northern Arizona study area. Transit is typically coordinated by incorporated towns and cities within the region with additional transit planning being conducted by transportation planning organizations (e.g., Central Yavapai Transportation Planning Organization, Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization, Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization).

Currently, the NAIPTA provides the Mountain Line, Roadrunner, Mountain Campus and Mountain Lift (formerly VanGo) bus services. The Mountain Line provides bus service within Flagstaff and surrounding areas, while the Roadrunner serves as a fixed route circulator and commuter service between Sedona and Cottonwood and paratransit for the disabled. The Mountain Lift provides curb-to-curb service for the disabled within greater Flagstaff and the Mountain Campus serves Northern Arizona University.

Bus service within Yavapai County and Verde Valley is provided by the Cottonwood Area Transit System (CATS). The CATS system is on-demand, door-to-door service to Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Bridgeport, and Verde Village via three-fifteen passenger mini-buses.

Bus service is also available connecting activity centers and residential areas in Sedona, Clarkdale, Camp Verde and Cottonwood.

Private transportation services provide niche specific service to riders willing to pay a premium fare. Several private transportation services provide daily round trips to Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport by reservation only. Additionally, the Coconino-Yavapai Intercity Shuttle provides door-to-door service between the Central Yavapai region and Flagstaff, Clarkdale, Cottonwood and Sedona. Taxi and limousine servies are also available and fares are calculated using time and mileage. In central Prescott, Citibus runs a circulator with stops at shopping destinations within the city. A circuating shuttle also operates on the Yavapai-Prescott reservation between the Prescott Resort and Conference Center, Bucky's Casino and the Yavapai Casino. The Tribe also provides a van service for elderly tribal members specifically for medial appointments or shopping.

Approximately thirteen human service organizations provide transportation within region for their clients. Fees are typically less than taxi services and often require registration or membership for ridership.

Table 2.10 Intercity Transit Services

| Transit Service | Area Served |
|---|---|
| RoadRunner/Cottonwood Express | Sedona to Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Camp Verde |
| Greyhound | Winslow to Flagstaff |
| Amtrak | Williams to Flagstaff |
| Navajo Transit | Navajo Nation to (cities in) Utah, New Mexico, Arizona |
| Hopi-Senom Transit | Hopi Community (e.g., Kykotsmovi, Luepp) to Flagstaff |
| Mountain Line | Flagstaff and surrounding communities |

## 2.6   AVIATION FACILITIES

Aviation facilities within the study area include primary and secondary airports that are part of the State aviation system plan and other facilities. Primary and secondary airports were identified from the *Arizona State Aviation Policies Plan.* The study area contains 38 aviation facilities; 15 are general aviation airports, 13 are community airports, and 10 are privately operated. Additionally, 23 are located within the Coconino-Yavapai Focus Area, one is within the New River Focus Area, and 14 are within the Navajo-Hopi Focus Area. The facilities are depicted on Figures 2-11a, 2-11b, and 2-11c and are described by Focus Area.

Coconino-Yavapai Focus Area

The Coconino-Yavapai Focus Area contains 10 primary airports, four secondary airports and nine other airports (Figure 2-11a). Aviation facilities within the Focus Area are listed below.

Primary Aviation Facilities

| Airport | County | Airport Type | Ownership |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bagdad Airport | Yavapai | general aviation | Yavapai County |
| Cottonwood Airport | Yavapai | general aviation | City of Cottonwood |
| Ernest A Love Field | Yavapai | commercial service, general aviation | City of Prescott |
| Flagstaff-Pulliam Airport | Coconino | commercial service, general aviation | City of Flagstaff |
| Grand Canyon National Park Airport | Coconino | tours, charters, commercial aviation | State of Arizona |
| HA Clark Memorial Field | Coconino | general aviation | City of Williams |
| Page Municipal Airport | Coconino | commercial service, general aviation | City of Page |
| Sedona Airport | Yavapai | commercial service | Yavapai County |
| Tuba City Airport | Coconino | general aviation | Navajo Nation |
| Valle Airport | Coconino | general aviation | Grand Canyon Valle Corporation |
| Source:  ADOT 2002 | | | |